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Kentucky Labor Cabinet to Hold Free OSHA Training in Somerset to Help Workers, Employers

Free courses March 24-27 at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 17, 2014) – The Kentucky Labor Cabinet will hold free training courses next week at The Center for Rural Development, 2292 South U.S. 27, in Somerset. The training includes various topics that will benefit nearly all types of workers and employers in Kentucky.

Participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of courses, including an overview of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program (OSH), spray finishing, powered industrial truck operation, fall protection, hazard communication, personal protective equipment, injury and illness recordkeeping, and fire safety and protection.

“If you’re an employer or an employee in the central or southern Kentucky area, this is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of free training to help improve safety for your business,” said Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts. “These courses allow employees to have the most updated training on specific aspects of hazards they face every workday.”

The courses include group-based and hands-on learning activities, and will feature presentations from the highly-trained staff of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

To register online, visit <http://rsvpbook.com/somerset2014>.

The following is a schedule of the training courses:

Monday, March 24

Overview of the Kentucky OSH Program: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Topics of discussion include the operations of the Kentucky OSH Program, including enforcement and voluntary compliance services, and safety and health topics currently considered for future standards and policies.

Spray Finishing: 1 - 4 p.m.

This session is designed to increase knowledge of spray areas and spray booths. Topics will include design, cleaning, electrical, conveyors, piping systems, ventilation, chemical use and storage, and other hazards in and around spray areas and booths. This course will also discuss the National Fire Protection Association document, NFPA 33, the national consensus standard for spray finishing.

Tuesday, March 25

Powered Industrial Trucks: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will learn about the basic aspects of powered industrial trucks (primarily fork lifts), operator training requirements, safe truck operations, equipment modifications and associated hazards. This course will not provide operator certification under 1910.178(L).

Fall Protection: 1 - 4 p.m.

Topics include the requirements to provide a fall protection system, the description and requirements for each fall protection system and training requirements. Attendees should leave with a basic understanding of Kentucky OSH's requirements for working at heights on commercial construction sites. This course does not cover fall protection requirements for residential construction sites.

Wednesday, March 26

Hazard Communication/Global Harmonization: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will learn about the revised standard, which will include chemical hazard classification, written program requirements, container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets, and associated deadlines for the new requirements under GHS.

Personal Protection Equipment: 1 - 4 p.m.

This session is intended for individuals who may be required to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while performing assigned work duties. Topics include an explanation

of the PPE standards, how to properly use and care for PPE, and the limitations of PPE. Guidance will also be provided on how to perform the required PPE hazard assessment for each job in the workplace.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Injury and Illness Recordkeeping: 8 a.m. - noon

This session is for those persons responsible for maintaining the revised injury and illness records. The forms 300, 301 and 300A will be covered. The regulations and guidelines for recordkeeping will be discussed, as well as the compliance directive the Kentucky OSH compliance officer will use to evaluate employers' records. A recordkeeping example workshop will be part of the course, time permitting.

Fire Safety and Protection: 1- 4 p.m.

This session introduces the participant to the recognition of potential fire hazards and emergency procedures. Topics include the chemistry of fire, types and effectiveness of extinguishing agents, means of egress, detection and alarm systems, fire brigades and fire prevention plans.

About the free training courses

Each year the Labor Cabinet presents a series of cost-free courses at major population centers throughout Kentucky. These courses are for both employers and employees, and are typically given over a one-week period in each population center. The courses are designed to outline the requirements contained in the various subparts of the general industry and construction standards, covering both safety and health issues.

Upcoming sessions in 2014 include Owensboro in July, Lexington in August and Louisville in October. The classes will be available for viewing and online registration approximately four weeks prior to each session. The complete schedule is available on the Labor Cabinet's website, www.labor.ky.gov.

Established in 1996, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture, and is committed constantly to expanding its capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services throughout Kentucky and the nation.

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labor law to ensure equitable and fair treatment of the Commonwealth's more than 1.9 million wage-earning employees. The Cabinet, according to regulation, has the duties, responsibilities, power, and authority relating to labor, wage and hour issues, occupational safety and health of employees, child labor, apprenticeship, workers' compensation insurance, and all other matters under the jurisdiction of the Labor Cabinet. For more information, visit www.labor.ky.gov.

